

Magazines.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW, for January, received of the American publishers, Messrs. L. Scott & Co., *The price of resistance*, the first number of a new series of essays by Mr. T. S. Arthur, Jr., published by the same firm, which was at first erroneously attributed to Mr. John Stuart Mill, but which as we learn from great authority, was written by another, and very different Mr. Mr. Goshen. The title of the article is "A singular paradox now observable in the financial condition of Europe. Money in England is at two per cent per annum, and on the Continent it is higher; silver articles are sold in gold are now piled up in the banks of London and France; yet vast failures are frequent in both countries; commercial enterprises are abandoned with money so good; it suggests to some writers, that the cause may be due to some law of nature."

The picture drama is striking as is its gloom, but the writer, unfortunately, has contented himself with setting it before us without attempting to point out its significance. The things that he laments are the things that things which are lamented. Doubtless a variety of minor causes, more or less remote, must be admitted to have had their effect in bringing about this state of affairs. But the chief cause is the depression which we seek when it is considered how vastly beyond their means European governments have been living for the last decade, and how inevitable is the consequence of that kind of prodigality. America the heavy cost of a terrible war has compelled us also to greatly exceed our immediate resources, and we are now paying the price in a penalty in stagnation of trade and decline of industry.

The remaining articles in this number of *Blackwood's Magazine* are "Gachet's Den Cuckoo" by Philip Ilz; "Oysters, and the Oyster Fishermen of Scotland" by "Anjon"; "Tynhall's Lectures on Sound and Music" by "Liberal Education in England"; "Memories of the Rev. John Brown" by "The Rev. John Brown"; "The Rev. John Brown's Collection of the Grand Army"; "The Queen's Highland Journal."

The *Northern Monthly*, for March, seemed to have to have lagged somewhere on its way, but it is in the hands of the magazine; and though we strongly object to the style and manner of many of its onslaughts upon the social giants it felt called upon to fight, the magazine's earnestness and the *et cetera* of the champion.

The present number has two articles, "The Farewell of the Fig-Leavees," and "The Balladeer as a Social Artist," which will be widely read; but the one on the balladeer is a little more than a sketch, and apparently with a word or two; but

There are more agreeable articles in this number, however. Among these we include "The Great Cavalry Charge," by John Robinson, of "The Corniche Road," a biographical article upon Commodore Stockton by Hon. Joel Parker; another on Benjamin Franklin, by Dr. Snodgrass; some pleasant gossip about the late President Grant, by H. O. Brown; and a very interesting article upon the

THE MAINE NORMAL SCHOOL for teachers is largely taken up with recent schemes for subjectifying our common schools to a more efficient speed of instruction. The subject of the day is the origin of the bill to establish a State Board of Education, and admits in passing that "it is not a decided imperfection." Mr. Dingley's speech in support of the bill is printed in full, and contains the usual sensible remarks on the subject. The land State in opposition to it. Mr. C. C. Bourne suggests that instead of the provision of the bill empowering the Board to adopt a list of books, it would be better to have a list prepared by the State revision and amendment at any time, from which the local committee should be obliged to select the books to be used in their schools.

a change is desirable. Mr. A. C. Stone, of the State Board of Education, has been chosen to represent the State at the annual conference of the county superintendents, and would prefer a Board of School Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor and Council, at least for a term of years, and to have the right to hold office for eight years at least. He also suggests that the State Board of Education should be made permanent, and that the State Superintendent and the teachers of the Normal Schools. These divergent opinions of course cover the corners of a single number of our magazine, show plainly enough that the subject is not yet ripe for a final decision, and that next year's discussion will perhaps give us the law of the having, and meanwhile we cannot but discountenance the influence of a crude and unsatisfactory experiment.

Our able contributors to this number are Jacob Abbott, N. T. Trine, W. Warren George, E. Brackett, and C. B. Stetson. The department of Educational Intelligence

we are glad to see some allusions to recent movements in England.

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Varieties.

Intelligence from Natal contains the announcement that judgment has been declared in the suit of Bishop Colenso against Dr. Green. The Supreme Court has set aside the judgment of the Natal Council, and has ruled that Dr. Colenso has ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and is trustee of all the buildings in the colony. Dr. Green, who prosecuted the suit, is deposed from the ministry, and prohibited from officiating in any of Dr. Colenso's churches.

The Jewish feast of Purim, which commenced on Saturday at sunset and concluded on Sunday at sunrise, was celebrated

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